GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN PHARMA EXPORT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase the pharmaceutical export;

(b) If so, the steps taken to promote the same; and

(c) The details of increase registered in the export of drugs during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Government of India is extending financial assistance through Export Promotion Councils by way of Market Development Assistance Scheme and Market Access Initiative Scheme to all India exporters(including exporters of drugs & pharmaceuticals) for increasing Indian exports. Moreover, in September, 2001, an Indo-Africa Health Summitwas organised to boost exports of Indian Pharmaceuticals to African countries. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals has been identified as one of the Focus product groups for enhancing India`s exports to the Sub-SaharanAfrican Region in the recently announced `Focus Africa` programme andalso the Focus: LAC Programme.

(c): As per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics(DGCIS) data, year-wise increase registered in the export of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals and Fine Chemicals during the last three years are as under:

Years	Rs. in crores
1998-99	Rs.6256.07
1999-2000	Rs.7230.16
2000-2001	Rs.8729.89

(Provisional)